

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of growing a p-type nitride semiconductor material by molecular beam epitaxy, the method comprising supplying bis(cyclopentadienyl)magnesium (Cp_2Mg) during the growth process.
2. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the nitride semiconductor material is p-type (Ga,Al)N.
3. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising supplying ammonia gas during the growth process.
4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising supplying ammonia gas, gallium and Cp_2Mg to a growth chamber, thereby to grow a layer of p-type GaN.
5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising supplying ammonia gas, aluminum, gallium and Cp_2Mg to a growth chamber, thereby to grow a layer of p-type AlGaN.
6. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in 1, comprising changing the supply rate of Cp_2Mg during the growth of the nitride semiconductor material.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the growth process is carried out at a temperature of at least 800°C.

9. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the growth process is carried out at a temperature of at least 850°C.
10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the growth process is carried out at a temperature of at least 920°C.
11. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the growth process is carried out at a temperature of at least 950°C.
12. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the growth process is carried out at a temperature of 960°C or below.
13. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising supplying Cp_2Mg at a beam equivalent pressure of at least 1×10^{-9} mbar.
14. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising supplying Cp_2Mg at a beam equivalent pressure of at least 3×10^{-9} mbar.
15. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising supplying Cp_2Mg at a beam equivalent pressure of 1×10^{-7} mbar or below.
16. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising supplying Cp_2Mg at a beam equivalent pressure of 1.5×10^{-8} mbar or below.
17. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 4, comprising supplying elemental gallium at a beam equivalent pressure of at least 1×10^{-8} mbar.
18. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 4, comprising supplying elemental gallium at a beam equivalent pressure of 1×10^{-5} mbar or below.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 5, comprising supplying elemental gallium and elemental aluminium at an overall beam equivalent pressure of at least 1×10^{-8} mbar.

20. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 5, comprising supplying elemental gallium and elemental aluminium at an overall beam equivalent pressure of 1×10^{-5} mbar or below.

21. (Canceled)

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